

AVIAN TYPE SPECIMENS IN THE QUEENSLAND MUSEUM

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ABSTRACT

From 1862 to 1985, type specimens of 122 taxa were lodged in the collection of birds of the Queensland Museum. Most of the types were a result of the works of Charles Walter de Vis. Between 1880 and 1905, he described as new 107 forms of living birds. The majority of these were collected either in Queensland by Kendall Broadbent, or in British New Guinea at the behest of Sir William MacGregor.

INTRODUCTION

Ingram (1986c) has chronicled the bird collections of the Queensland Museum for the period 1862 to 1985. The history of the types, or name-bearing specimens, is very much a history of the works of Charles Walter de Vis (*né* Devis). He was the Curator, and later the Director, of the museum from 1882 to 1905 (Mack 1956). During that period he described 104 species and subspecies of extant birds, as well as 46 species of fossil birds. The latter are not included in this paper. Before his appointment as Curator, de Vis had described two species and one subspecies of birds under his nom-de-plume, 'Thickthorn' (Ingram 1986b). There is no evidence that he brought the types of these taxa with him to the museum.

With very few exceptions, de Vis's new taxa of birds came from two sources: Kendall Broadbent, the zoological collector for the Queensland Museum from 1880 to 1893, and Sir William MacGregor, the Administrator, and later the Lieutenant Governor, of British New Guinea from 1888 to 1898. Most of the new taxa (85 in all) were described from the specimens collected at the behest of Sir William. MacGregor employed several collectors while he was in British New Guinea, but apparently from 1896 Signor A. Giulianetti was his sole collector (this can be discerned from Giulianetti's handwriting on the labels of the specimens). British New Guinea, later Papua, is now part of Papua New Guinea (PNG).

De Vis's papers on New Guinean birds pose problems of priority. The results of his examination of MacGregor's specimens were published in the 'Annual Report on British New Guinea' for the particular year. There are, however, many reprints and versions of these. The colonies of Queensland, Victoria, and New South

Wales, as well as Great Britain, all contributed to financing the colony of British New Guinea (Joyce 1971). Perforce, the 'Annual Report' by MacGregor was presented to each of the Parliaments (and sometimes both Houses) of each government. They were thus printed at different times. For purposes of priority of nomenclature, all the reports and their dates of publication had to be established, and that has been a difficult task. And there is a further complexity. De Vis did not regard parliamentary papers as publication. Several times during 1889, in the minutes of the board of trustees of the Queensland Museum, as well as in correspondence, he stressed that the 'Annual Reports' were not scientific publications and he emphasised the need to publish his results elsewhere. In this he was only occasionally successful. I am unsure whether I have found all the versions and reprints, but I am fairly certain I have located the earliest. In 'Literature Cited', these have been cross-referenced along with dates of publication.

In the list that follows, the taxa are sequenced in alphabetical order of the specific or subspecific epithets. Those in bold lettering have all, or at least some, of the name-bearing specimens in the collection. If the name is in standard type-face, no name-bearing specimens have been located, either because they have been lost or were not lodged here. The data given is that on the labels of the specimens. If the data is in inverted commas, the information is taken from the paper where the type description occurs. If the data is in square brackets, the information has been added by me and is justified where necessary. Other data added is accompanied by the appropriate references. The original spelling of the names of the taxa has been kept.

In 'Literature Cited', all publications that contain descriptions of new taxa are accompanied by the exact date of publication where possible. I have followed Colliver (1960) for the dates of publication for the *Transactions of the Queensland Philosophical Society* and the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Queensland*; Fletcher (1896) for the early volumes of the *Proceedings of the Linnaean Society of New South Wales*; Ingram (1986a) for the *Annals of the Queensland Museum*; Mathews (1917) for the parts of Diggle's *Ornithology of Australia*; and Whittell (1954) in a few difficult cases. But mostly the date of publication was available on the paper itself.

Until 1911, the Queensland Museum had several numbering systems for retrieval of data. Numbers preceded by 'D', 'P', 'E', 'C', and 'T' stood for 'donor', 'purchase', 'exchange', 'collection', and 'transfer' respectively. These numbers could be found in the corresponding registers. There was also a general register with numbers prefixed by 'R'. Sometime in the 1880s, de Vis began a card index for birds as a separate system in which each specimen of a particular taxon received a unique letter (i.e., a, b, c, ... aa, bb, cc, etc). In 1911, all these systems were superseded by the modern bird register, where each specimen received a unique number preceded by 'O'. Contemporaneous with this system was the MacGregor register, which was used to register all kinds of material including ethnological items. These had a unique number preceded by 'M' or 'MAC'. Many of MacGregor's bird specimens had been registered there, and, unfortunately, not a few other birds of New Guinean or other origins. It was not until the end of 1985 that all ornithological material was finally registered under the 'O' numbering system.

In the following, 132 taxa are listed. Of these, there is evidence that the types for ten were never lodged in the museum. Of the remaining 122, no types could be located for 18 of the taxa.

LIST OF THE TYPE SPECIMENS

albicauda — *Rhipidura albicauda* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 375. Holotype: O.20717. De Vis had no exact locality data for this spirit specimen from Papua, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

The specimen has now been dried out from spirit and placed in the skin collection.

amabilis — *Ptilonopus amabilis* de Vis, 1880.

Queenslander, 7 August, p. 172. This was published under de Vis's nom-de-plume of 'Thlekthorn' (see Ingram 1986b). He had a male bird that was collected in the Rockhampton district, CEQ. There is no evidence that the specimen was donated to the Queensland Museum.

animosa — *Climacteris animosa* de Vis, 1895.

Abs. Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., Sept. 25, p.1. Syntypes: Male O.10289, Female, O.10290, Male, O.13237. Male, O.13238. Female, O.13239. Male, O.14864. All from Charleville, SCQ. Nov. [1885]. Collected by K. Broadbent.

The paper that was to describe this species was withdrawn and appeared in title only (de Vis 1896). Mathews (1934), however, considered the publication of the abstract (de Vis 1895c) to be an indication. There were originally ten specimens in the type series. Two males and two females (labelled 'a', 'f', 'i' and 'k') are missing. North (1906), however, noted that a female was sent in exchange to the Australian Museum. This specimen is now registered as AM O.782 (N.W. Longmore pers. comm.). De Vis (1895c) did not give the year of collection but Broadbent was in Charleville in 1885 (de Vis 1885).

armiti — *Paecilodryas armiti* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 101. Holotype: O.19765 (formerly M.6866, T.51), Mt Mancao, 5650 ft, PNG, April 1894. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

atropygialis — *Poephila atropygialis* Diggle, 1876.

Brisbane Courier, 5 Aug., p. 3. Holotype: This specimen has not been located. It was collected at Normanton, NWQ, by T.A. Gulliver. In an 1876 inventory of bird material held in the Queensland Museum, this specimen is listed. However, at that time, the birds (50 specimens) collected by Gulliver were not held in the museum but were at Charles Coxen's residence, along with various boxes of other skins (3 boxes in all). It seems that these specimens were incorporated into the museum's collection after Coxen's death (Gregory 1877).

auricularis — *Rhipidura auricularis* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 59. Holotype: Female, O.19746, Musgrave Range, 7000-9000 ft, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

- ballarae** — *Amytornis textilis ballarae* Condon, 1969.
Mem. Qd Mus., 15: 205. Holotype: Female, O.10692, six miles south of Mary Kathleen, near Ballara Copper Mine, NWQ, 17 Jul. 1966. Collected by 'R.K. Carruthers'. Paratype: female, O.11011, Sybella Creek, Mt Isa, NWQ, 27 Oct. 1966. Collected by R.K. Carruthers.
- belfordi** — *Melirrhophetes belfordi* de Vis, 1890.
Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 60. Holotype: Immature female, O.19801 (formerly M.6939), 'Mt. Knutsford', PNG. Collected by 'Mr. Belford'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.
- bella** — *Charmosynopsis bella* de Vis, 1901.
Ann. Qd Mus., 5, pl. 8. Syntypes: [Immature], O.19531 (formerly M.6715, T.74). [Male], O.19415 (formerly M.6711, T.74). [Male], O.19471 (formerly M.7168). [Female], O.19470 (formerly M.6713, T.74). [Female], O.19472 (formerly M.6712, T.74). [Female], O.19473 (formerly M.6714, T.74). Collected at 'Wharton Range?', PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.
- bivittata** — *Petroeca bivittata* de Vis, 1897.
Ibis, (7)3: 376. Holotype: Female, O.19800 (formerly M.7297), Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, 5 Oct. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.
- brevicauda** — *Drymaedus brevicauda* de Vis, 1894.
Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 103. Holotype: O.19840 (formerly M.6459, T.51), Mt Maneao, PNG, Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.
- breviceps** — *Melithreptus breviceps* de Vis, 1884.
Proc. R. Soc. Qd, 1:159. This appears to be a slip of the pen for *M. brevirostris*, and that de Vis had no intention of introducing a new name for birds from New South Wales. *M. breviceps* is therefore a *nomen nudum*.
- brevirostris** — *Drymaedus brevirostris* de Vis, 1897.
Ibis, (7)3: 386. Holotype: Female, O.19753 (formerly M.7074, T.58), [Boirave], PNG, 9 Jul. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.
 De Vis gave no locality and none is on the original label. However, from de Vis's (1898b) report, and from the labels on the specimens, it can be said that Giulianetti was collecting at Boirave at least from 7 to 24 July, 1896.
- brisbanensis** — *Cuculus brisbanensis* Diggles, 1876.
Brisbane Courier, 5 Aug., p. 3. Although the Queensland Museum purchased 'part' of Diggles' collection in 1876, there is no evidence that the holotype was amongst that collection. The specimen was collected at Norman's Creek, Brisbane, SEQ, in May 1876, by Diggles' son.
- brunnea** — *Gerygone brunnea* de Vis, 1897.
Ibis, (7)3: 378. Holotype: Not located. De Vis described this taxon from a spirit specimen from Papua, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.
- candidior** — *Arses candidior* Le Souef, 1897.
Ibis, (7)3: 397. Le Souef described the nest and eggs of 'Arses candidior De Vis, White-breasted Flycatcher' De Vis, however, was not the author of this name. In a letter to North (1903), de Vis wrote: 'There is evidently some misconception about *Arses candidior*, arising doubtless from the presence of that name on the original cabinet label of *A. lorealis*. *Arses candidior* seems to have been given by Mr. K. Broadbent to an enquirer asking him the name of the bird; hence the idea that I have named two species of the genus'. Mathews (1930) said *A. candidior* was a nude name, but the name is valid. Le Souef must be regarded as the author of the name, and the eggs he described are the type specimens. These eggs are not in the Queensland Museum collection.
- canescens** — *Merula canescens* de Vis, 1894.
Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 105. Syntypes: O.19742 (formerly M.7301, T.52). O.19743 (formerly M.6501, T.52). O.19744 (formerly M.7114, T.52). All from Goodenough Island, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.
- caniceps** — *Poecilodryas caniceps* de Vis, 1897.
Ibis, (7)3: 377. Holotype?: O.20703. De Vis had no exact locality data for this specimen from Papua, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.
 De Vis gave no culmen measurement for this specimen which was in spirit. O.20703 fits all his measurements and has a damaged bill. It, however, was tied with another specimen (O.20704) in spirit. These have been dried out and are now in the skin collection.

cantator — *Pseudogerygone cantator* Weatherill, 1908.

Qd Nat., 1:74. Holotype: Male, O.12396, 'south-east Queensland'. Collected and presented by W.E. Weatherill.

capensis — *Sericornis magnirostris capensis* Mathews, 1941.

Emu, 40: 384. Holotype: Male, O.4125, Rocky Scrub, Cape York, NEQ, 13 Jul. 1938. Collected by G. Neuhauser ('Dr. G. Scott').

cardwelli — *Aegintha temporalis cardwelli* Mathews, 1942.

J. R. Soc. W.A., 27: 78. Holotype: O.15866 (formerly C.28), Cardwell, NEQ, Oct. 1888. Collected by K. Broadbent.

cervinus — *Acrocephalus cervinus* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 386. Holotype: Female, O.19764 (formerly M.7076, T.58), [Boirave], PNG, 24 Jul. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

No locality was given but on 24 Jul. 1896, Giulianetti was at Boirave (see the entry for *Drymaoedus brevirostris*).

chillagoensis — *Aerodramus spodiopygius chillagoensis*, Pecotich, 1982.

Tower Karst Occasional Paper, 4: 56. Holotype: Female, O.18951. Paratypes: O.18948. Female, O.18949. O.18950. All specimens collected at Gordale Scar Pot Cave, Spring Tower, Chillagoe, NEQ, 29 Dec. 1981, by L. Wedgwood.

citrypura — *Pachycephala citrypura* de Vis, 1880.

Queenslander, July 31, p. 140. This name was published under de Vis's nom-de-plume of 'Thickthorn'. His description was taken from individuals of both sexes from the Rockhampton district, CEQ. There is no evidence that de Vis brought these specimens with him to the Queensland Museum.

colesi — *Trichoglossus colesi* Le Souef, 1910.

Emu, 10: 204. Holotype: Male, O.3604, Gladstone, MEQ, 8 Oct. ('Nov.') 1910. Collected by C. Coles.

collaris — *Melirrhophetes collaris*, de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 103. Syntypes: Male, O.19806 (formerly M.7015, T.51), Mt Maneao, 2700 ft, PNG, 18 Mar. 1894. Male,

O.19807 (formerly M.7016, T.51), Mt Maneao, 5000 ft, PNG, 4 Apr. 1894. O.19810 (formerly M.7019, T.51), Mt Maneao, 5000 ft, PNG, 4 Apr. 1894. Female, O.19811 (formerly M.7020, T.51), Mt Maneao, 5000 ft, PNG, 4 Apr. 1894. All collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

One specimen of unnoted sex from Mt Maneao, 5000 ft, is missing.

concinna — *Rhipidura concinna* de Vis, 1892.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 1-1892: 94. Holotype: Male, O.19778 (formerly M.7109), Mt Suckling, 5651 ft. ('4350 ft'), PNG, 27 Jul. 1891. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

cuicui — *Zosterops cuicui* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 384. Syntypes: Male, O.19733 (formerly M.6861, T.58), 14 Jul. 1896 ('9 Jul.'). Female, O.19926 (formerly M.6862, T.58), 9 Jul. 1896 ('16 Jul.'). Both collected at Boirave, PNG, by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

De Vis (1898b) used *Zosterops kuikui* for this taxon. This is also the name he wrote on the labels of the specimens. It is difficult to decide whether 'kuikui' is a justified emendation of 'cuicui'. There can be little doubt that the former was de Vis's preference. 'KUIKUI' was the native name of the bird as recorded by Giulianetti. In de Vis (1897b: 392), however, the editors of *Ibis* said that the author had given them full authority to amend his manuscript. Presumably, they objected to the neo-latin letter 'k' and corrected it to 'c'.

cuneata — *Geocichla cuneata* de Vis, 1889.

Proc. R. Soc. Qd, 6: 242. Lectotype: Male, O.14839. Paralectotype: female, O.14840. Both collected at Herberton Scrubs ('Herberton, 4500 ft') by 'K. Broadbent'.

Lectotype selected by Ford (1983). O.14839 is a male, not a female as stated by Ford. The second female from the original type series has not been located.

devisi — *Rhipidura devisi* North, 1897.

Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., 22:444. Holotype: Same as for *Rhipidura albicauda* de Vis.

R. devisi is a replacement name for *R. albicauda* de Vis (1897b), which was preoccupied by the same name of North (1895).

discolor — *Colluricincla discolor* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 60.

Syntype: O.2808, Sudest Island, PNG, 8 Oct. 1888. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

Two syntypes have not been located. O.2808 is erroneously registered as having been purchased from Kendall Broadbent. The handwriting and data on the label are the same as for the other specimens from Sudest Island from that batch of MacGregor's. The error has happened before. Two other specimens of MacGregor's (O.255-6) were erroneously registered as Broadbent's.

divaga — *Monarcha divaga* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 374. Holotype: Female, O.19796 (formerly M.6908, T.58), Boirave, PNG, 14 Jul. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

ferocyanea — *Myiagra ferocyanea* Ramsay, 1879.

Nature, 20: 125. Syntype?: [Male], O.20855, no data on label. N.W. Longmore (pers. comm.) notes that Ramsay sent a syntype (Australian Museum A.3834) to the Queensland Museum in 1883 as part of an exchange. The specimen (a male) was collected on Guadalcanar, Solomon Islands by Captain Brodie and J.F. Cockerell in Dec. 1878 (also see Ramsay, 1879b). An old mounted specimen, O.20855, is most likely the syntype. W. Boles (pers. comm.) says the specimen is *Myiagra ferocyanea* and is comparable to the other syntypes in the Australian Museum. Ramsay (1879b) emended the name to *ferocyanea*.

flavigaster — *Acanthiza flavigaster* Diggles, 1876.

Brisbane Courier, 5 Aug., p. 3. Syntypes: These specimens have not been located. Three were collected at Normanton, NWQ, by T.A. Gulliver — the inventory of 1876 listed two skins and one duplicate (see the entry for *Poephila atropygialis*). Diggles also had another specimen that was collected at Norman's Creek, Brisbane, SEQ, by his son. The fate of this specimen is also unknown.

fretorum — *Pachycephala fretorum* de Vis, 1889.

Proc. R. Soc. Qd., 6: 237. Syntype: Female, O.14843, Kimberley, NWQ, Jul. 1884. Collected by K. Broadbent.

Three syntypes were not located: a female collected at Cambridge Gulf, WA (the type

status of this specimen has been questioned by Mees, 1964); and two males collected at Kimberley, NWQ. There is an old mount with no data in the collection (male, O.21567) that may be one of the missing types.

fuliginosa — *Oreospiza fuliginosa* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 388. Syntypes: Female, O.18963 (formerly M.6432), 20 Sep. 1896. Male, O.18965 (formerly M.6434), 17 Sep. 1896. Female, O.18968 (formerly M.6437), 28 Sep. 1896. Female ?, O.19720 (formerly M.6429), 2 Oct. 1896. All collected at Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

fuliginosus — *Circus fuliginosus* Diggles, 1875.

Brisbane Courier, 8 May, p. 7. There is no evidence that the type material was donated to the museum. Unlike the other Cockerell material that Diggles described, however, the holotype is not in the British Museum of Natural History (Warren, 1966; M. Walters, *in litt.*). Diggles's description was taken from a specimen collected at the Nudgee Waterholes, SEQ, on 25 Mar. 1871, by J.T. Cockerell.

fusca — *Acanthochoera fusca* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 383. Syntypes: Female, O.19754 (formerly M.6993), 2 Oct. 1896. Male, O.19755 (formerly M.6989), 29 Sept. 1896. Female, O.19756 (formerly M.6991), 3 Oct. 1896. Male, O.19757 (formerly M.6990), 6 Oct. 1896. Male, O.19759 (formerly M.6996), 28 Sep. 1896. Female, O.19760 (formerly M.6994), 2 Oct. 1896. Male, O.19761 (formerly M.6992), 25 Sep. 1896. All specimens were collected at Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

Three spirit specimens have not been located.

goodenoviensis — *Ninox goodenoviensis* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 58. Syntypes: Male, O.17193. Female, O.19271. Both from Goodenough Island, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

griseiceps — *Sittella griseiceps* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 102. Holotype: Male, O.19775 (formerly M.7081, T.51), Mt Maneao, 5650 ft, PNG, Apr. 1894. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

griseiceps — *Microeca griseiceps* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 101. Holotype: Male, O.19772 (formerly M.6904, T.51), Mt Maneao, 1400 ft, PNG, 17 Mar, 1894, Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

guisei — *Ptilotis guisei* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 103. Syntypes: O.19747 (formerly M.7021, T.51), Apr. 1894. Male, O.19748 (formerly M.7004, T.51), 22 Apr. 1894. Female, O.19749 (formerly M.7023, T.51), 23 Apr. 1894. Female, O.19750 (formerly M.7022, T.51), 21 Apr. 1894 ('23 Apr.'). All collected at Mt Maneao, 5650 ft, by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

gutturalis — *Anthus gutturalis* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 103. Syntypes: Male, O.19727 (formerly T.51), 6000 ft. Female, O.19728 (formerly M.6487, T.51), 6000 ft. Male, O.19729 (formerly M.6488, T.51), 6000 ft. Female, O.19730 (formerly M.6489, T.51), 6000 ft. Female, O.19731 (formerly M.6486, T.51), 5650 ft. All collected at Mt Maneao, PNG, Apr. 1894, by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

gutturalis — *Sericornis gutturalis* de Vis, 1889.

Proc. R. Soc. Qd, 6: 242. Syntypes: Female, O.12131, Herberton ('Herberton Scrubs, 4500 ft'), NEQ, May 1889. Male, O.12127 (formerly C.64), North Peak, Bellenden Ker, 5760 ft, NEQ, Jun. 1889. Both collected by K. Broadbent.

halli — *Pomatostomus halli* Cowles, 1964.

Emu, 64: 1. Holotype: Male, O.9962, Tyrone Homestead, 3 miles E of Langlo Crossing, SCQ, 15 May 1963. Collected by P.R. Colston. Presented by the British Museum (Natural History).

helenae — *Parotia helenae* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 390. Syntypes: Male, O.19684 (formerly M.6545), 3 Nov. 1896. Male, O.19685 (formerly M.6546), 3 Nov. 1896. Male, O.19686 (formerly M.6547), 4 Nov. 1896. All collected at Neneba, Mt Scratchley, by 'A. Giulianetti'. [Female], O.20698. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

One male and one female are missing.

hindwoodi — *Meliphaga hindwoodi* Longmore and Boles, 1983

Emu, 83: 59. Holotype: Male, O.17574, Massey Creek, Clarke Range, MEQ, 7 Dec. 1894. Collected by the Mid-eastern Queensland Expedition 1978. Paratypes: female, O.17530, 1 Dec. 1978. Male, O.17543, 2 Dec. 1978. Female, O.17544, 2 Dec. 1978. Male, O.17545, 2 Dec. 1978. Male, O.17548, 2 Dec. 1978. Male, O.17550, 2 Dec. 1978. Male, O.17551, 2 Dec. 1978. Female, O.17562, 3 Dec. 1978. Male, O.17547, 2 Dec. 1978. Female, O.17580, 8 Dec. 1978. All collected at Massey Creek, 18 km NE Dalrymple Heights, MEQ, by the Mid-eastern Queensland Expedition 1978. The people of this expedition were N.W. Longmore, W.E. Boles, T.R. Lindsey, J.M. Shields, A. Lindsey, and G.J. Ingram.

Five paratypes (O.17494, 17511, 17552, 17566-7) are now in the Australian Museum.

humeralis — *Ibis (Falcinellus) humeralis* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23-5027: 90. Holotype?: O.17863 (formerly M.7218), 'Laloki River, PNG'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

Although O.17863 has no data, it is the only specimen in the MacGregor collection of a Glossy Ibis and it fits de Vis's description.

insignissimus — *Aprosmictus insignissimus* Gould, 1874.

Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1874: 500. Holotype: O.3437, near ('a few miles north') Dalby, SCQ. Presented by C. Coxen. This specimen can not be located. In the register there is a note that the specimen was on display in 'Exhibition case' and Chisholm (1922) said the mount could be seen on display. Nothing else is known of the specimen. Gould (1875, pl. 9) had an illustration of the holotype.

insperata — *Gerygone insperata* de Vis, 1892.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 1-1892: 94. Holotype: O.19777 (formerly M.7118), Mt Suckling, 6000-7000 ft, PNG, 'Jul. 1891', Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

intermedia — *Climacteris leucophaea intermedia* Boles and Longmore, 1983.

Emu, 83: 272. Holotype: Male, O.18019 (formerly Australian Museum O.53758), Timber Reserve 679, Clarke Range, MEQ, 6 May 1980. Collected by N.W. Longmore and W.E. Boles. Paratype: female, O.17559, Massey

Creek, 18 km NE Dalrymple Heights, MEQ, 3 Dec. 1978. Collected by Mid-eastern Queensland Expedition 1978 (see *Meliphaga lindwoodi*).

intermedia — *Paradisea intermedia* de Vis, 1894. *Qd. Parl. Pap.*, C.A. 93-1894: 105. Syntypes: Male, O.19460 (formerly M.6624, T.52). Male, O.19462 (formerly M.6629, T.52). Both specimens collected at Coomassie ('Kumusi') River, PNG, Apr. 1894 by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

One male syntype has not been located.

joanae — *Ailuroedus melanotis joanae* Mathews, 1941.

Emu, 40: 384. Holotype: Male, O.4124, Rocky Scrub, Cape York, NEQ, 23 Jun. 1938. Collected by G. Neuhauser ('Dr. G. Scott').

katherina — *Acanthiza katherina* de Vis, 1905.

Ann. Qd. Mus., 6: 43. Syntypes: Female, O.12100. Male, O.12101 (formerly C.64). Female, O.12102. Male, O.12103. All collected at Bellenden Ker, 4000 ft, NEQ, Jul. 1889 by K. Broadbent.

keasti — *Rhipidura fuliginosa keasti* Ford, 1981.

Emu, 81: 129. Holotype: Male, O.17522, Massey Creek, 18km NE of Dalrymple Heights, MEQ, 1 Dec. 1978. Collected by the Mid-eastern Queensland Expedition 1978 (see *Meliphaga hindwoodi*).

kowaldi — *Todopsis kowaldi* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 59. Holotype: This male specimen from Papua, PNG, has not been located. Presented by Sir William MacGregor. De Vis (1894a) noted that the specimen was an adult and not a young bird as he had originally thought.

lacrimans — *Ptilotus lacrimans* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 382. Syntypes: Female, O.19797 (formerly M.6834), 5 Oct. 1896. Female, O.19798 (formerly M.6833), 16 Sep. 1896. Both collected at Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

laeta — *Alcyone laeta* de Vis, 1894.

Qd. Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 100. Syntypes: O.19351 (formerly M.6362, T.51). O.19352 (formerly M.6359, T.51). Both collected at Mt

Maneao, PNG, by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

laeta — *Zosterops laeta* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 385. Syntypes: These two spirit specimens from Papua, PNG, have not been located. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

laetiscapa — *Rhipidura laetiscapa* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23-5027: 83. Syntypes: Female, O.19779 (formerly M.6836, T.68). Wharton Range, 11100 ft, Jul. 1897. Male, O.19780 (formerly M.6837, T.68), Wharton Range, '11100 ft', PNG, Jul. 1897. Both collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

leucypura — *Gerygone albogularis leucypura* de Vis, 1880.

Queenslander, May 22, p. 650. This name was published under de Vis's nom-de-plume of 'Thickthorn'. The name is based on observations, or specimens from Rockhampton, CEQ. If there were specimens, there is no evidence they were donated to the Queensland Museum.

longicauda — *Graucalus longicauda* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 59. Holotype?: [Male], O.20437, 'Musgrave Range, 7000-9000 ft', PNG.

De Vis's description of the holotype fits this specimen, which is labelled '*Graucalus longicauda* de Vis' in his hand, but with no other data. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

loralis — *Poecilodryas loralis* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 377. Syntypes: O.20706, O.20707. De Vis had no exact locality data for these two spirit specimens from Papua, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

The specimens have been dried out and are now in the skin collection.

lorealis — *Arses lorealis* de Vis, 1895.

Abs. Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., Apr. 24, p.i. Syntypes: Male, O.3697. Female, O.3698. Both collected at Cape York, NEQ, 'Mar. 1894' by K. Broadbent.

Mathews (1934) noted that the prepublished abstract (de Vis, 1895a) predated the intended description (de Vis 1895b).

lurida — *Ninox boobook lurida* de Vis, 1887.

Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., (2)1: 1135. Syntypes: 'Male' O.14841, Maunga Creek, 8 miles from Cardwell, NEQ, 14 May 1886. 'Male', O.14842, Herbert Gorge, NEQ, 11 May 1886. Both collected by K. Broadbent.

De Vis (1889f) detailed '*N. lurida* n.s.' This was not a new name, but an elevation of *Ninox boobook* var. *lurida* to the rank of species.

macgregoria — *Maria macgregoria* Sclater and Saunders, 1897.

Ibis, 7(3): 251. Syntypes: Same as for *Macgregoria pulchra* de Vis.

This name was introduced into the literature by the editors of *Ibis* in an editorial comment to de Vis's (1897a) description of *Macgregoria pulchra*.

macgregoriae — *Amblyornis macgregoriae* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 60. Syntype: [Female], O.19432, Musgrave Range, '7000-9000 ft', PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

Two females and two males from the original type series have not been located.

macgregorii — *Cnemophilus macgregorii* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 61. Holotype: Male, O.19429, Mt Knutsford, '11000 ft', PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

maculata — *Melipotus maculata* de Vis, 1892.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 1-1892: 94. Holotype: Female, O.19774 (formerly M.7151), Mt Suckling, '6000-7000 ft', PNG, 'Jul.' 1891. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

maculiceps — *Sarganura maculiceps* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23-5027: 87. Holotype: Male, O.19841 (formerly M.6885, T.68), Wharton Range, PNG, Jul. 1897. Collected by [A. Giulianetti]. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

manayoensis — *Rhipidura manayoensis* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 101. Holotype: O.19784 (formerly M.6846, T.51), Mt Maneao, PNG. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

mariae — *Cnemophilus mariae* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 104. Syntypes: Male, O.19714 (formerly M.6662, T.51), 5650 ft. [Female], O.19715 (formerly M.6661, T.51), '5000 ft'. [Female], O.19716 (formerly M.6654, T.51), '5000 ft'. Male, O.19717 (formerly M.6658, T.51), '5000 ft'. Female, O.19718 (formerly M.6660, T.51), '5000 ft'. Female, O.19719 (formerly M.6655, T.51), 5000 ft. All collected at Mt Maneao, PNG, Apr. 1894 by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

One female syntype has not been located.

mcgilli — *Acanthiza pusilla mcgilli* Boles, 1983.

Emu, 83: 55. Holotype: Male, O.18688, (formerly Australian Museum O.53765), Massey Creek, Clarke Range, MEQ, (21°04'S, 148°35'E), 1 May 1980. Collected by Australian Museum party. Paratypes: male, O.6222, Broken River, Eungella Range, MEQ, 7 Aug. 1958. Collected by S. Breeden. Male, O.15956, Crediton, Clarke Range, MEQ, 18 Apr. 1975. Collected by D.P. Vernon. Female, O.17529, Massey Creek, 18 km NE Dalrymple Heights, MEQ, 1 Dec. 1978. Collected by the Mid-eastern Queensland Expedition 1978. Female, O.17561, Massey Creek, 18 km NE Dalrymple Heights, MEQ, 4 Dec. 1978. Collected by the Mid-eastern Queensland Expedition 1978. Female, O.17572, Timber Reserve 679, Dalrymple Heights, MEQ, 7 Dec. 1978. Collected by the Mid-eastern Queensland Expedition 1978. Male, O.17573, Timber Reserve 679, Dalrymple Heights, MEQ, 7 Dec. 1978. Collected by the Mid-eastern Queensland Expedition 1978 (see *Meliphaga hindwoodi*).

Five paratypes (O.17569, 17571, 17570, and 18688) are now in the Australian Museum. According to Appendix D iii 21(a) of the 1985 edition of *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, *mcgilli* should be amended to *macgilli*.

mestoni — *Corymbicola mestoni* de Vis, 1889.

Queenslander, March 30, p. 600. Holotype: 'Male', O.15313, Mt Bartle Frere ('south peak of Bellenden-Ker, 5000 ft'), NEQ. Collected and presented by A. Meston.

Meston (1889) gave the altitude as 4800 ft. Barnard, who was with Meston, said the height was a little over 3000 ft and that the date of collection was at the end of January, 1889 (Chaffer 1984). There is some doubt as to whether de Vis intended to publish this

description. Chisholm and Chaffer (1956), however, argued that this was his intention.

mestoni — *Pachycephala mestoni* de Vis, 1905. *Ann. Qd Mus.*, 6: 44. Holotype: Female, O.14849, spurs of Mt Sophia, Bellenden Ker, NEQ, Jun. 1889. Collected and presented by 'A. Meston'.

The label says the collector was Kendall Broadbent. This is an error.

minor — *Peltops minor* de Vis, 1894. *Qd Parl. Pap.*, C.A. 93-1894: 100. Syntypes: O.4355 and O.19794 Both from New Guinea, 20 May 1888.

De Vis had one other specimen from sea level at Mt Maneao, PNG, collected on 3 March and presented by McGregor. No specimen with this data has been located. But amongst the specimens on which de Vis (1894a) based his paper is a specimen (O.19793) from Mt Maneao at 700 ft collected on 7 March 1894. His 'specimen' and O.19793 (formerly M.6818, T.51) would have been received in the same lot (Transfer 51) from MacGregor. It is difficult to imagine that he would not have included it in the paper, for it is similar to O.19794 and O.4355. Certainly the three specimens have 'minor' written on each label in his handwriting with 'blainvillei' crossed out. It is possible that O.19793 was the specimen he had and that the data given in the paper is wrong.

miranda — *Daphoenositta miranda* de Vis, 1897. *Ibis*, (7)3: 380. Syntypes: Female, O.19725 (formerly M.6923). Female, O.19726 (formerly M.6924). Both collected at Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, 5 Oct. 1896, by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

De Vis had four specimens. One in spirit cannot be located. The other syntype is in the British Museum (Natural History) registered as BMNH 1898.10.10.3 (Warren and Harrison 1971).

modesta — *Acanthiza modesta* de Vis, 1905. *Ann. Qd Mus.*, 6:43. Syntypes: Male, O.12113. Female, O.12114. Both collected at Charleville, SWQ, Oct. 1885, by K. Broadbent,

modesta — *Lamprococcyx modesta* Diggles, 1876.

Brisbane Courier, 5 Aug., p. 3. There is no evidence that the holotype was part of the collection purchased from Diggles in 1876 by the

museum. The specimen was 'shot with a boy's catapult' at Norman's Creek, near Captain Heath's, Brisbane, SEQ.

modesta — *Paecilodryas modesta* de Vis, 1894. *Qd Parl. Pap.*, C.A. 93-1894: 101. Holotype: Female, O.19785 (formerly M.6868, T.51), Mt Maneao, 5000 ft, PNG, 5 Apr. 1894. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

montana — *Crateroscelis montana* de Vis, 1897. *Ibis*, (7)3: 387. Holotype: This specimen from Papua, PNG, which was a fledgeling stored in spirit, has not been located. It was presented by Sir William MacGregor. This name was suppressed under the plenary powers of the I.C.Z.N. (1963) for the purposes of priority but not for homonymy, after a submission by Mayr (1962). Mayr claimed the species was unidentifiable and that the type was lost. He gave no evidence to support either claim. Certainly his assertions were awry for two other of de Vis's names also suppressed as a result of his submission (see *Sericornis tyrannula* and *Meliornis schistacea*).

monticola — *Munia monticola* de Vis, 1897. *Ibis*, (7)3: 387. Syntypes: Male, O.19788 (formerly M.6448), 1 Oct. 1896 ('16-28 Sep. 1896'). Female, O.19789 (formerly M.6446), 28 Sep. 1896. Female, O.19790 (formerly M.6447), 17 Sep. 1896. Female, O.19791 (formerly M.6443), 16 Sep. 1896. [Male], O.19792 (formerly M.6449, T.58). All collected at Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

O.19792 does not have a date of collection or an altitude but it was part of the same batch (Transfer 58) from MacGregor. One syntype, said to be in spirit, cannot be located.

montium — *Paramythia montium* de Vis, 1892. *Qd Parl. Pap.*, C.A. 1-1892: 95. Holotype: Female, O.19741 (formerly M.7298). 'Disappointment Rock', Mt Suckling, 6900 ft, PNG, '28 Jul. 1891'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

moretoni — *Malurus moretoni* de Vis, 1892. *Qd Parl. Pap.*, C.A. 1-1892: 97. Holotype: Male, O.19963 (formerly M.7119), Bartle Bay, PNG, 25 Jun. 1891 ('15 Jun'). Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

murina — *Gerygone murina* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 377. Syntype: Male, O.19786 (formerly M.6896), Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, 6 Oct. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

The other syntype, which was registered as M.6895 (female) from Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, has not been located.

nanus — *Cyclopsittacus nanus* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23-5027: 81. Holotype: O.19534 (formerly M.6743, T.68) 'Wharton Range (?)', PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

newtoniana — *Prionodura newtoniana* de Vis, 1883.

Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., (1)7: 562. Holotype: In 1888, the Queensland Museum was broken into and this specimen was stolen while on display (de Vis, 1889h). It was a young male, collected at Tully River Scrubs, NEQ, Sep. 1882, by K. Broadbent (Canipbell, 1901; Broadbent, 1902).

nigrifrons — *Rhipidura nigrifrons* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 374. Holotype: Male, O.19781, (formerly M.6871), [Boirave], PNG, 24 Jul. 1896 ('7 Jul.'). Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

No locality was given but on 24 and 7 July, 1896, Giulianetti was at Boirave (see the entry for *Drymaoedus brevirostris*).

nigripectus — *Symmorphus nigripectus* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., 93-1894: 102. Holotype: Male, O.19842 (formerly M.7068, T.51), Mt Maneao, PNG. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

nigropectus — *Eulacestoma nigropectus* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., 93-1894: 102. Holotype: Male, O.19763 (formerly M.6426, T.51), Mt Maneao, 5650 ft, PNG, 22 Apr. 1894. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

nitida — *Poecilodryas nitida* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 376. Holotype: Female, O.19927 (formerly M.6865), Boirave, PNG, 14 Jul. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

obscura — *Ptilotis obscura* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 383. Holotype: This specimen has not been located. It was collected at Mt Scratchley, PNG by A. Giulianetti and presented by Sir William MacGregor. De Vis noted that it was in bad condition.

oreas — *Rhipidura oreas* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 375. Holotype: This spirit specimen from Papua, PNG, has not been located. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

orientalis — *Nasiterna orientalis* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23-5027: 81. Syntype: O.19566 (formerly M.7165), 'Wharton Range (?)', PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

The other syntype (spirit specimen from Vanapa Valley, PNG, Mar. 1897) has not been located.

orientalis — *Ptilopus bellus orientalis* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 104. Syntypes: Male, O.19202 (formerly T.51), Mt Maneao, 3450 ft, PNG, 19 Mar. 1894. Presented by Sir William MacGregor. [Male], O.19201, inland of Port Moresby, PNG. Collected by Captain A. Musgrave.

ornatus — *Melirrhophetes ornatus* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 103. Syntypes: Female, O.19812 (formerly M.6982, T.51), Mt Maneao, 3000 ft, PNG, 7 Apr. 1894. O.19813 (formerly M.6984, T.51), Mt Maneao, '3000 ft', PNG, 19 Mar. 1894. 'Female', O.19814 (formerly M.7003, T.51), Mt Maneao, '5000 ft' PNG, 'Apr., 1894'. All collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

pallida — *Micraeeca pallida* de Vis, 1884.

Proc. R. Soc. Qd, 1: 159. Syntypes: Male, O.14844. Female, O.14845. Female, O.14846. Female, O.14847. All collected at Kimberley, NWQ, Jul, 1884, by K. Broadbent.

pallidipes — *Zosterops pallidipes* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 60. Holotype: Male, O.19737 (formerly M.7112), Rossel Island, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

papuensis — *Acanthiza papuensis* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 102. Holotype:

Male, O.19736 (formerly M.6438), Mt Maneao, 5650 ft, PNG, Apr. 1894. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

papuensis — *Merula papuensis* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21-(2S)-3598: 60. Syntype?: O.19762 (formerly M.7113), 'Mt Victoria', PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor

This specimen is without data but it agrees with de Vis's description. On the label is written 'Merula papuensis de Vis' in his hand. If it is a syntype, there is still one subadult specimen missing. Iredale (1956, p. 4, pl. 23) apparently examined both of these syntypes. Unfortunately, his usage of the word 'types' was ambiguous in this work. Sometimes he meant 'type specimens' and sometimes he meant 'kinds'. What he meant in his section on thrushes is uncertain.

perstriata — *Ptilotus perstriata* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23-5027: 86. Holotype: Female ('male'), O.19948 (formerly M.6835, T.68), Wharton Range, PNG, Jul. 1897. Collected by [A. Giulianetti]. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

phasiana — *Rhipidura phasiana* de Vis, 1884.

Proc. R. Soc. Qd., 1: 158. Holotype: O.14848, Kimberley, NWQ, [Jul. 1884]. Collected by K. Broadbent.

piperata — *Ptilotus piperata* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23-5027: 86. Holotype: O.19787 (formerly M.7152), Suku, Vanapa, PNG, 1897. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

prasina — *Neneba prasina* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 384. Holotype: Male, O.19799, (formerly M.6884), Neneba, Mt Scratchley, 4000 ft, PNG, 9 Nov. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

pulchra — *Macgregoria pulchra* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 251. Syntypes: Male, O.19724 (formerly M.6638, T.58), Mt Scratchley, 11000 ft, ('21000 ft'), PNG, 6 Sep. 1896 ('May 1896'). [Male], O.19723 (formerly M.6640, T.58), Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft ('21,000 ft'), ('May 1896') PNG. Both collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

De Vis's data was wrong: Mt Scratchley is not higher than 13000 ft and MacGregor ascended the mountain in September 1896 (MacGregor, 1898: 9). The third syntype is in the British Museum of Natural History (BMNH 1897.8.16.1). This is the specimen illustrated in de Vis (1897a, pl. 7). Warren and Harrison (1971) said there was another syntype in the BMNH but M. Walters (*in litt.*) could not locate any specimen that was immediately recognizable as a second syntype. There was one old specimen, however, which had been a mount, but had no data. Sharpe (1906) listed only one specimen of *M. pulchra* as having been received from the Queensland Museum.

punctata — *Micraeca punctata* de Vis, 1894.

Qd. Parl. Pap., C.A. 93-1894: 101. Syntypes: Male, O.19734 (formerly M.6903, T.51). Male, O.19735 (formerly M.6902, T.51). Both collected at Mt Maneao, 5000 ft, PNG, Apr. 1894. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

punctatus — *Megalurus punctatus* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 385. Holotype: Male, O.19773 (formerly M.7075), Neneba, Mt Scratchley, 4000 ft, PNG, 10 Nov. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

rawnsleyi — *Ptilonorhynchus rawnsleyi* Diggles, 1867.

Ornithology of Australia, Part XV, pl. 3. Chisholm (1965) stated that the holotype was in the Queensland Museum but had been lost. He implied that his information came from Iredale (1950), but Iredale did not mention the museum. In fact, there is no evidence the holotype was ever in that institution. The specimen was collected by H.C. Rawnsley at Witton, Brisbane, on 14 July, 1867. Rawnsley lent the specimen to John Gould who illustrated it (Gould, 1869, pl. 34). Marks (1965) cited a letter from Diggles to G. Masters in 1873 where Diggles said he thought the specimen was in the possession of Rawnsley's widow. Ramsay (1875) wrote of the specimen but he did not indicate who owned it or where he examined it. Except for this information, nothing is known of the specimen.

richardsi — *Ptilopus richardsi* Ramsay, 1882.

Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., (1)6: 722. Syntypes: Female, O.20827 (formerly Australian Museum

A.11565). O.20828 (formerly Australian Museum A.11568). Both collected on Ugi, Solomon Islands, by A. Morton, in 1881.

N.W. Longmore (pers. comm.) notes that Ramsay sent these syntypes to the Queensland Museum in 1883 as part of an exchange.

robusta — *Gerygone robusta* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23–5027: 84. Syntypes: Male, O.19782 (formerly M.6826, T.68). Female, O.19932 (formerly A.6827, T.68). Both collected at Wharton Range, 11,100 ft, PNG, by [A. Giulianetti]. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

rosaalba — *Strepera rosalba* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21–(2S)–3598: 59. Holotype: Female, O.19732 (formerly M.7156), Sudest Island, PNG, 8 Oct. 1888. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

rufescens — *Cracticus rufescens* de Vis, 1883.

Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., (1)7: 562. Syntypes: These specimens have not been located. The syntypes were collected at Tully and Murray Scrubs, NEQ, 1882, by K. Broadbent. De Vis did not say how many specimens he had, but there were at least one male and one female.

schistacea — *Meliornis schistacea* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 381. Holotype: O.19745 (formerly M.7813). De Vis had no exact locality data for this specimen from Papua, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

The I.C.Z.N. (1963) suppressed *Meliornis schistacea* for the purposes of priority but not homonymy after a submission by Mayr (1962). Mayr's submission was based on the grounds that the type was of uncertain identity and was apparently lost. Schodde (1978) pointed out that the type was in existence and that the suppression of the name was pointless.

sclateriana — *Amalocichla sclateriana* de Vis, 1892.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 1–1892: 95. Holotype: O.19795, Mt Owen Stanley, PNG, 1892. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

sibila — *Colluricincla sibila* de Vis, 1889.

Proc. R. Soc. Qd, 5:161. Holotype: This specimen has not been located. It was collected at Herbert Vale, over the range behind Cardwell, NEQ, by K. Broadbent. Apparently two examples were seen but only one collected.

sibisibina — *Ptilotus sibisibina* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 381. Syntypes: Male, O.19802 (formerly M.6974, T.58), 13 Jul. 1896. Female?, O.19803 (formerly M.6975, T.58), 14 Jul. 1896. Female, O.19804 (formerly M.6976, T.58), 14 Jul. 1896. Male, O.19805 (formerly M.6973, T.58), 24 Jul. 1896. All collected at Boirave, PNG, by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

sigillata — *Paecilodryas sigillata* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21–(2S)–3598: 59. Syntype: Immature, O.19752, Mt Victoria, 13000 ft, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

De Vis had one other specimen, an adult. O.19751 matches his description but the specimen has no locality data.

sigillifer — *Lobospingus sigillifer* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 389. Holotype: This spirit specimen from Papua, PNG, has not been located. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

sororcula — *Pachycephala sororcula* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 380. Holotype: 'Male', O.20705. De Vis had no exact locality data for this specimen from Papua, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

This spirit specimen has been dried out and is now in the skin collection.

squamata — *Acanthiza squamata* de Vis, 1889.

Proc. R. Soc. Qd, 6: 248. Syntype: Male, O.12075 (formerly C.63). Female, O.12076 (formerly C.63). Both collected at Herberton, NEQ, May 1889 by K. Broadbent.

The other male syntype was exchanged with G.M. Mathews and is now in the American Museum of Natural History. It is registered there as no. 600712 (M. Le Croy *in litt.*).

strenua — *Pachycephala strenua* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23–5027: 85. Holotype: O.19783 (formerly M.6958, T.68), 'Wharton Range (?)', PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

subcaudalis — *Aeluroedus subcaudalis* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 390. Holotype: This spirit specimen, which was collected at Mt Scratchley, PNG, has not been located. It was collected by A. Giulianetti and presented by Sir William MacGregor.

subcyanea — *Poecilodryas subcyanea* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 377. Syntypes: O.20699–20702. De Vis had no exact locality data for these specimens from Papua, PNG. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

These spirit specimens have been dried out and are now in the skin collection.

sudestensis — *Eopsaltria sudestensis* de Vis, 1892.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 1–1892: 96. Holotype: This specimen, which was collected at Sudest, PNG, on 30 Jun. 1891, has not been located. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

sudestiensis — *Geoffroyus sudestiensis* de Vis, 1890.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 21–(2S)–3598: 58. Holotype: This male specimen, which was collected at Sudest Island, PNG, has not been located. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

susannae — *Paradiseo susannae* Ramsay, 1883.

Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., (1)8 :21. Syntype: N.W. Longmore (pers. comm.) notes that Ramsay sent a syntype (Australian Museum A.14475) to the Queensland Museum in 1883 as part of an exchange. It has not been located. The specimen (a male) was collected on the 'Island of D'Entrecasteaux' by 'Mr. Rolles'.

tyrannula — *Sericornis tyrannula* de Vis, 1905.

Ann. Qd Mus., 6: 42. Holotype?: O.17905, no data on label.

The holotype was supposedly collected at Charleville, SWQ, by K. Broadbent. Parker (1984) concluded that *Sericornis tyrannula* was a junior synonym of *Sericornis pyrrhopygius* and that the type locality should be corrected to Maryland, SEQ. Parker also suggested that O.17905 may be the holotype, but doubt must remain. The name was suppressed for the purposes of priority but not homonymy by I.C.Z.N. (1963) after a submission by Mayr (1962). Parker (*loc. cit.*) described the suppression as regrettable. Mayr (1986) said the subsequent identification of *S. tyrannula* was nomenclaturally irrelevant.

vicaria — *Poecilodryas vicaria* de Vis, 1892.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 1–1892: 94. Holotype: Male, O.19776 (formerly M.7108), Mt Suckling, 6000–7000 ft, PNG, Jul. 1891. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

vinitinctus — *Melithreptus vinitinctus* de Vis, 1884.

Proc. R. Soc. Qd, 1: 159. Holotype: Male, O.16371, Kimberley, NWQ, Jul. 1884. Collected by K. Broadbent.

viridiceps — *Neopsittacus viridiceps* de Vis, 1897.

Ibis, (7)3: 371. Holotype: Female, O.19551 (formerly M.6739), Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, 5 Oct. 1896. Collected by 'A. Giulianetti'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

viridigaster — *Oreopsittacus viridigaster* de Vis, 1898.

Vict. Parl. Pap., No. 23–5027: 81. Syntypes: Male, O.19656 (formerly M.6785), 5 Oct. 1896. Female, O.19657 (formerly M.6789), 28 Sep. 1896. Female, O.19659 (formerly M.6787), 17 Sep. 1896. All collected at Mt Scratchley, 12200 ft, PNG, by 'A. Giulianetti'. Male, O.19651 (formerly M.6783, T.68). Male, O.19652 (formerly M.6782, T.68). [Male], O.19653 (formerly M.6781, T.68). Female, O.19654 (formerly M.6788, T.68). Male, O.19655 (formerly M.6786, T.68). Male, O.19709 (formerly M.6784, T.68). All collected at Wharton Range, 11 100 ft, PNG, Jul. 1897, by [A. Giulianetti]. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

There are five syntypes missing: three spirit specimens from Mt Scratchley and two males from Wharton Range (one of which is immature). O.19564 (formerly M.7212) is most likely the 'missing' immature male. De Vis's date for the Mt Scratchley specimens was wrong — these were collected in 1896, not 1897.

viridis — *Monachella viridis* de Vis, 1894.

Qd Parl. Pap., C.A. 93–1894: 101. Syntypes: O.19766 (formerly M.6823, T.51). O.19769 (formerly M.7290, T.51). O.19770 (formerly M.6822, T.51), Female, O.19771 (formerly M.6824, T.51). All collected at Mt Maneao, PNG. Collected by 'W.E. Armit and R.E. Guise'. Presented by Sir William MacGregor.

walleri — *Strix walleri* Diggles, 1866.

Ornithology in Australia, Part VII, pl 1. A specimen (O.11985), which has no locality data, was originally labelled 'Strix novaehollandiae'. On the reverse side of the label there is pencilled 'walleri'. In the original card index system, the specimen is designated 'a' and therefore could be the first Grass Owl accessed. The specimen,

however, does not match either illustration in Gould (1869, pl. 1) or Diggles (1866). Diggles had examined a male and a female, both of which were in Eli Waller's possession. Waller had shot them in the immediate neighbourhood of Brisbane, SEQ. At some stage, a specimen was sent on loan to Gould (Diggles 1875b). Other than this, nothing is known of the fate of the syntypes.

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